

Shoreline Street Ends Program Update

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Shoreline Street End Program

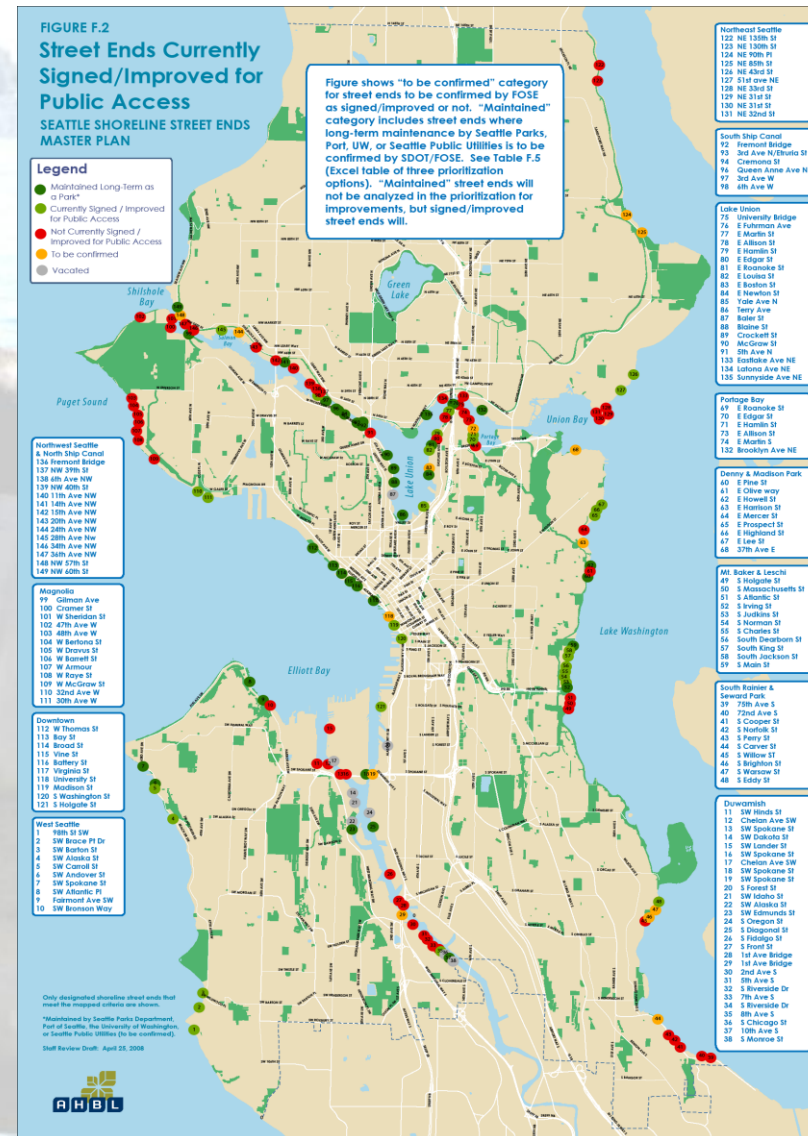
- SMC 15.04.035 establishes that the highest and best use of a Shoreline Street End is to provide for physical and visual access to Seattle's water and shoreline
- Resolution 29370 (1996) and Ordinance 119673 (1999) established the Shoreline Street End Program

SDOT completed a Shoreline Street Ends Plan in 2009 including an inventory and prioritization plan for all 149 shoreline street ends

Category 2: street ends that have been restored but are currently receiving minimal or no maintenance

Category 3: street ends that have not yet been restored

Category 4: street ends that have been vacated



2011 Program Revisions

May 31, 2011: City Council Passed Ordinance 123611, amending the Shoreline Street End Fee Methodology:

- To increase equity in fee determination and support ongoing use by Industrial and Maritime businesses
- Fee increase phased in over four years, starting 2011

2011 Program Revisions

Ordinance 123611 specifies that all revenues from street end permits be used for:

- Property owner notification;
- Administering and inspecting shoreline street end use;
- Verifying property boundaries and area of use;
- Matching funds for neighborhood improvements
- Signage
- Public access improvements

2011 Accomplishments

- First year of phased rate increase
- 2 sites removed encroachments
- 33 permitted private use sites remain
- Port of Seattle completed permitting of S. Oregon Street End
- Compared 2009 SSE prioritization plan with Pedestrian Master Plan criteria to confirm high priority sites
- Assessed costs for ongoing maintenance and improvements
- Established partnerships with SDOT Capital Projects and Urban Forestry to define program elements and implementation timeframes
- Continue coordination with community stakeholders (eg. Friends of Street Ends)

2012 Work Plan Elements

- Program Management
- Establish Street End Landscape Maintenance Program
- Identify Site Improvements



2012 Work Plan Elements

Program Management

- Develop spreadsheet for budget planning and management
- Identify all uncollected receivables for permits; pursue enforcement.
- Identify and enforce unpermitted encroachments on all 149 SSEs

2012 Work Plan Elements

Landscape Maintenance Program

- Assess all SSEs to determine maintenance needs
- 1st Quarter status:
 - All Street Ends identified as “Improved” on SSE Work Plan have been assessed.
 - 20 in unmaintained state and in need of a significant level of maintenance
 - 14 in a “medium” state of maintenance
 - 7 are being actively maintained



2012 Work Plan Elements

Landscape Maintenance Program

- Develop and implement work program for landscape maintenance crew and activities
- Budget legislation for new gardener positions
- Begin maintenance activities in 2Q 2012
- Create asset management database for Street End Landscape Maintenance work and to track progress
- Contact community stewards
- Identify resources needed to maintain sites

2012 Work Plan Elements

Site Improvements

- Partner with Parks Levy-funded projects
- Begin signage installation for all SSEs
- Select/recommend sites for “pilot” improvements
- Design/implement 2-3 pilot improvements in 2012
- Identify “lessons learned” to improve future program delivery



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